



MINUTES OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES, STATE OF CALIFORNIA

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At its meeting held May 13, 2003, the Board took the following action:

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Dr. Jonathan E. Fielding, Director of Public Health and Commander Richard Barrantes, representing the Medical Services Bureau of the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department presented a verbal report to the Board regarding the progress on the implementation of the Director of Public Health's recommendations to combat the spread of Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aurea (MRSA) in the jails. Dr. Elizabeth Bancroft, Epidemiologist, Public Health Programs and Services, Department of Health Services, answered questions posed by the Board.

Mechele Gordy addressed the Board.

After discussion, on motion of Supervisor Antonovich, seconded by Supervisor Burke, unanimously carried, the Sheriff and the Director of Public Health were requested to report back to the Board on June 3, 2003 regarding the progress in combating the spread of Methicillin Resistant Staphylococcus Aurea (MRSA) in the jails, with report to include a protocol or policy on how the Department will resolve the conflict between inmates taking showers, or going to vending machines, or using the telephone; and County Counsel's opinion regarding the legality of imposing mandatory showers for inmates.

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